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SUBJECT: KKE LEADER STRESSES CONTINUING SPLITS IN COMMUNIST PARTY

1. MITSOS PARTSALIDES, CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER OF KKE-INTERIOR, SPOKE AT LOCAL THEATER DECEMBER 18 ON OCCASION OF 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF KKE. ADDRESS HERE, WHICH FIRST BY SENIOR KKE OFFICIAL SINCE NOVEMBER 17 ELECTIONS, EMPHASIZED CONTINUING DIFFERENCES WITHIN GREEK COMMUNIST PARTY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF PARTSALIDES' REMARKS REPORTED IN "MAKEDONIA" OF DECEMBER 19: DIFFERENCES BETWEEN KKE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR WINGS REMAIN SO GREAT THAT "UNITY, NO MATTER HOW DESIRABLE, CANNOT BE ACHIEVED" BECAUSE OF INSISTENCE BY EXTERIOR WING ON "STERILE POSITIONS". INTERIOR FACTION, BY CONTRAST, SETS OWN POLICY "WITHIN GREEK POLITICAL FRAMEWORK" AND ALLOWS GREEK COMMUNISTS TO FORM PARTY POLICY. PARTSALIDES CONCLUDED THAT KKE-INTERIOR HAS NO PLANS TO "IMPOSE ITSELF BY FORCE", BUT SEEKS CONFIDENCE OF PEOPLE TO IMPLEMENT "NECESSARY CHANGES".

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